

House Resolution No. 4308

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have faced adversity and whose triumph stands as an example for others; and

Whereas, Terri Clark of Raymore, Missouri, was seriously ill from Polycystic Kidney Disease when her cousin, Theresa Wilhite, was determined to be a good match as an organ donor; and

Whereas, doctors at the University of Kansas successfully performed the two-step kidney transplant, which consisted of removing a healthy kidney from donor Theresa Wilhite and then placing it in Terri Clark's body; and

Whereas, the transplanted organ began functioning almost immediately to relieve Terri Clark from the multitude of symptoms that had accompanied the steady deterioration in her health from the progression of Polycystic Kidney Disease; and

Whereas, in order to prevent possible rejection of the new organ donated by Theresa Wilhite, Terri Clark began a very strict regimen of medicines and remained in isolation from relatives, friends, and strangers who had even the slightest hint of a viral infection; and

Whereas, Polycystic Kidney Disease is a genetically based illness that can't be diagnosed until a person is in the fourth decade of life; and

Whereas, with two children in their early 20s, Terri Clark has offered to participate in medical research projects to fight the disease in case she has passed the disease down to her children:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments garnered thus far in the life of Terri Clark and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as she recovers from transplant surgery; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Terri Clark of Raymore, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Baker
District No. 123

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4308, adopted July 25, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker